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RE: New Alarm Ordinance

A new alarm ordinance was passed by the Broken Arrow City Council on March 21, 2005. Changes were made to City Ordinance Section 3.7-27 to 3.7-34 and Section 16-46. They will be effective May 2, 2005. The ordinances deal with intrusion alarms and how the police department will respond to these alarm calls for service.

The ordinance outlines three police response alternatives. The first addresses **Permitted Alarms**. Alarm users may obtain an alarm permit from the City Finance Department after showing they have complied with the permit requirements and pay a fee of twenty-four dollars. A permit is good for 12 months and expires on September 30th following the date of issuance. It can be renewed each year for a ten dollar renewal fee.

Police will make a primary response to permitted alarms. The first two false alarms within a 90 day period will result in a warning notice being left at the alarm location. The third false alarm response in 90 days will result in the Permit Suspension and the issuance of a citation.

The alarm user has the following options:

- Pay the citation (unless appeal or reinstatement is upheld).
- Appeal the Suspension within 10 days
- Apply for Permit Reinstatement (Permits can be reinstated twice during the permit year. If there are three or more false alarms after the second reinstatement, the Permit will be revoked for one year.)
- Submit a Request for Secondary Response by checking the Secondary Response box on the suspension notice and mailing it to the Police Department.

The second police response alternative is the **Non-Permitted Alarm** response. This will be a primary response by police. Each false alarm will result in a Citation and a Warning Letter being issued. The non-permitted alarm user has the following options:

- Apply for an Alarm Permit
- Pay the ticket and be liable for future citations for bogus alarms
- Return the Request for Secondary Response letter

The third police response alternative is when a **Secondary Response Letter** is on file with the Police Department. The police will not respond to the alarm call until after the alarm user or alarm company has checked the location and determined that a crime has occurred. The alarm user or company will then notify the police department to respond for investigation and report purposes.

The Warning Notice which is issued on false alarm calls serves as a notification that police have checked on an alarm at the location and found it to be false. It also serves as the notification that a permit has been suspended and can also be used by the alarm user to request a secondary police response to future alarm calls.

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